

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5. (canceled)

Claim 6. (currently amended) A recording apparatus for recording individual audio programs and album groups of audio programs onto a record medium having a plurality of pieces of input data stored thereon in which each piece of input data represents a respective audio file and the plurality of pieces of input data are grouped into album programs, comprising:

a management information-selecting circuit portion for selecting audio programs and album groups for recording on the record medium one or more of the plurality of pieces of input data to receive management information;

a first adding circuit portion for adding respective rights information individually to each of the selected one or more pieces of input data audio programs, wherein the added rights information includes respective copyright information and charging condition information;

a first encrypting circuit for encrypting the audio programs output from said first adding circuit;

a second adding circuit portion for adding respective rights information to all each of the selected album groups plurality of pieces of the input data as a group;

a second encrypting circuit for encrypting the album groups output from said second adding circuit;

a signal processing portion for encrypting the album programs and the plurality of pieces of the input data, wherein each album program and each piece of input data audio program is encrypted using different encryption keys; and

a recording portion for recording data the selected and encrypted audio programs and album groups onto the

~~record medium corresponding to output data of said signal processing portion; and~~

~~a selecting circuit portion for selectively supplying output data of said first adding circuit portion or output data of said second adding circuit portion to said signal processing portion.~~

Claims 7-37. (canceled)